

hungry men were fed from individual trays, containing portions of hams, beans, pumpkin pie, coffee, nuts, and candy.

Here, too, the number of persons fed reached nearly 1,000, and no one was allowed to leave until he admitted that he had had enough, for Superintendent Kline personally supervised the feeding of the multitude and saw to it that each one had as much as he could eat.

Thus it was that the spirit of Christmas, typified to the world-to-do as Santa Claus, today took the form of the officers of the Central National Missions and gave to all who asked for it, that which they most desired, a good, substantial, filling Christmas dinner.

But it was not only in the missions that good cheer was dispensed to the hungry, although it was only here that the men were fed at tables and regular dinner provided.

Shriners Spread Good Cheer.

At Almas Temple, the Mystic Shrine, and the Salvation Army a large number of hungry men and women received baskets of food and necessities of clothing, while at nearly all the hospitals and homes throughout the city the inmates, both patients and nurses, were treated to additional feasts in honor of the day.

The children at the Children's Hospital, the Foundlings' Home, and the various orphan asylums and day camps, scattered either for Santa Claus left at each place large packages of presents which, in the majority of cases, were distributed yesterday, and the children spent a happy day comparing their toys and playing with them.

Altogether, the spirit of the Yuletide was abroad in the city almost as strong today as it was yesterday, and everybody enjoyed a second Christmas.

New York Feeding Thousands of Poor

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Throughout the city today, hold-over Christmas dinners and entertainments of every sort are making hundreds of thousands of persons realize the true spirit of the great Yuletide festival.

It is figured by the Salvation Army that 20,000 families will be provided for at its annual distribution of Christmas baskets to the poor in Grand Central Palace. There were either poultry or a joint of beef, together with vegetables, bread, butter, nuts, raisins, and coffee in each basket. Toys and clothing were also distributed. What shortage of funds there was from public contributions was made up this year by the organization.

Good cheer was also dispensed freely by the Volunteers of America. More than 1,000 boxes of food have already been sent by the organization to families of prisoners in the various State institutions.

The soldiers quartered at Governor's Island, Fort Jay, Schuyler, Wadsworth, Hancock, and Hamilton, and other army posts had Christmas feasts.

There was an old-fashioned Christmas celebration in the naval branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, and also in the Brooklyn navy yard. Sailors from the warships and other navy craft were present at the big dinner.

Playing Santa Claus May Cost Woman Life

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 25.—Playing Santa Claus to gladden the hearts of the children of her employer may cost Mrs. Eva Baker, a maid in the household of Charles Crowther, her life.

She lies in a hospital in a critical condition from burns about the face and body, caused by the lighted candles of a Christmas tree setting fire to her Santa Claus costume. Before the flames were extinguished the woman was frightfully burned.

If she recovers it is probable that her right leg will be permanently impaired.

TURKEYLESS DINNER WHERE THIEF VISITS

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Inscow Are Sadly Disappointed.

Turkey was not down on the menu today at the home of John W. Inscow, of 1119 Eighth street northeast.

Inscow went to market Saturday night and selected two fine birds, weighing about sixteen pounds each. Several had been invited to dinner, and it was planned to have a big feast today.

The turkeys were put in a refrigerator on the rear porch, and before going to bed last night Mrs. Inscow saw that they were all right. To her surprise this morning, she discovered they were gone. Neither the back gate nor refrigerator had been locked.

Stores and markets all being closed today, the family and guests had to sit down to a turkeyless Christmas dinner.

Former Miss Breeze Elected to Peerage

LONDON, Dec. 25.—By the death of the Earl of Ancaster, which occurred yesterday, his eldest son, Lord Willoughby Deersby, whose wife was formerly Miss Elise Breeze, of New York, becomes Earl of Ancaster, and another American woman is added to the peerage of England.

Roosevelt to Talk On Child Conservation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 25.—Theodore Roosevelt will talk on the conservation of the child at the annual national child labor conference to be held here in March. Woodrow Wilson, governor-elect of New Jersey, is expected to be here and make an address.

Minister Will Sue For Salary Overdue

NAVESINK, N. J., Dec. 25.—The Rev. Clarence E. McKelvey, who lost his job as pastor of the Methodist Church here because he is said to have called some of the women of the congregation "old hens," and some of the members of the official board "rightwings," is expected to take legal action to recover back salary he says is due him.

Cut Steel Bars.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—With confirmation of the announcement of independent steel companies that they will cut the price of steel bars, shapes, and pipes 50 per cent, it was persistently reported here today that the Steel Corporation will follow suit.

TO OLD DUKEDOM

Who's Who Among the Choiseuls Is Puzzling Proposition.

FAMOUS MURDER IN ITS RECORDS

Name Brought Into Limelight by New Wearer, Formerly Mrs. Hamilton Paine.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The family of which Mrs. Hamilton Paine has become a member by marrying its head, the Duke of Choiseul-Praslin, is one of the oldest in France.

Under a republic which practically allows any one to call himself anything he pleases as long as he does not try to get the title officially recognized by using it as a legal signature, little troubles are always arising between members of the same family as to the right to bear one or more of the titles which belong to the family.

Thus an innocent looking little paragraph of society news which reads: "The Duke and Duchess of Choiseul-Praslin have taken up their residence in their new house, Avenue Sylvestre de Sacy," caused quite a newspaper fight, as it was followed by a letter signed "Choiseul-Praslin" in which the writer expressed his astonishment at the mention of another Duke of Choiseul-Praslin. He explained that he was the only duke and that as he was unmarried, before his marriage with Mrs. Hamilton Paine, and was not taking up residence in Paris he could not understand to whom the paragraph could refer.

Another Disputant.

The occupant of the Avenue Sylvestre de Sacy mansion retorted with a letter claiming the headship of the family and the right to assume the title of duke. This brought another member of the family into the field with a letter differentiating between the Duke of Praslin and the Duke of Choiseul-Praslin. The Marquis de Choiseul-Beaupre-Sommeville, "who has taken the signature of Duke of Choiseul." This letter is written by Major de Choiseul-Gouffier, of the active army, who talks learnedly of various branches of his family, who describes the Hamiltons as the Praslins, as "Bastion de Choiseul, Duc de Praslin," as belonging to the younger branch of the house of Choiseul, of which branch he is the head. The major then lengthily disputes the right of the marquis of three names to call himself Duke of Choiseul-Praslin, morally, or in any way.

A letter signed "Choiseul, Duc de Praslin" and dated from London, where he had gone for his marriage with Mrs. Hamilton Paine, winds up the general discussion by stating that the Duke of Choiseul has been extinct for centuries and never possessed the title of duke. The letter goes on to advise that different ducal titles are also extinct except the writers.

Winds Up Controversy.

The letter does not advise the would-be Duke of Choiseul to be content with bearing the name of Choiseul in any form, but it does advise the would-be Duke of Choiseul-Praslin to be content with bearing the name of Choiseul-Beaupre-Sommeville. "So much for genealogical battles in a country without a king or last resort to settle such disputes."

The house of Choiseul was a power in France as far back as the eleventh century. It had many representatives in the first crusades. Etienne Francois, Duke of Choiseul, distinguished himself at the court of Louis XV, because a wife of his, Marie-Anne, was a mistress of the king. He was a powerful man in the kingdom, but intrigues at the court brought about his downfall, and despite his large fortune he was obliged to live in exile, which his wife had to pay.

The family has had three marshals of France among its members. Count Auguste de Choiseul-Gouffier (1782-1811) was a diplomat and antiquarian who became a member of the Académie des Sciences. He was the transfer of Louisiana from France to the United States. But in spite of all these honors and claims, the name of Choiseul-Praslin evokes more often the recollection of a murder committed by the Duke of Choiseul-Praslin in 1847, when Louis Philippe was King of France.

Murder Shocks Paris.

On August 18, 1847, Paris was shocked to learn that the Duchess of Choiseul-Praslin had been horribly murdered in her mansion, the Hotel Sebastiani (the duchess was a daughter of Marshal Sebastiani). No one was seen entering the house, but a servant saw some one leaving at night, whom he believed to be the duke. This duke's marriage had at first been a happy one (ten children were born), but coolness set in about 1840, and in 1841 Miss Henriette Deluzy-Desportes was engaged as governess to the family.

She was young, twenty-three, Parisian, attractive and educated, and keen intelligence she added wonderful energy. In a short time she supplanted the duchess entirely as mistress of the house, the wife became nobody, and the governess was omnipotent. Marshal Sebastiani and some friends intervened, with the result that the governess was sent away with a pension of \$300, and the duke and duchess seemed reconciled.

The duke, however, continued to visit Miss Deluzy, and finding her in tears one day asked the cause. She explained she could not find another position, as the duchess refused to give her a letter of recommendation. The duke promised her the letter, and went home. About 4:30 a. m. cries were heard from the duchess's room. The duke rushed to her, found her mistress on the floor, covered with wounds (more than thirty were counted at the autopsy), and the duke, in the alarm the duke uttered in and showed every sign of despair as his wife breathed her last without having been able to say a word.

The servants immediately concluded the duke was the guilty person, and as they were not able to find any other clue, they called the police. They searched the duke's room. This was done, and unmistakable evidence of the crime was found. Miss Deluzy was also arrested.

Ends His Life.

The duke was taken to the Luxembourg prison, where no careful watch was kept on him by design, and he was found one night with a bottle in his hand from which he had drunk some brandy and arsenic. He lingered two or three days, during which time he was examined by the magistrate and

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Such Is Romantic Career of the Duchess de Choiseul of France.

BORN ON A FARM IN BLUE GRASS STATE

Beauty and Musical Talent Win Place in Society for Her.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 25.—From a pastoral existence on the quiet acres of a blue grass farm, in central Kentucky, to be mistress of the proud Chateau de Choiseul-Praslin, in France, and the international notoriety of a sensational Parisian trial, is a far cry, but such a transformation is that of the former Miss Lucy Tate, of Stanford, Lincoln county, Kentucky.

The former Miss Tate is now the Duchess de Choiseul, and has been in the public eye for the last few weeks because of the sensational suit she brought against a man styling himself Count d'Aubry de Gatigny, and the even more startling developments of that suit.

She charged the alleged count with getting \$200,000 from her and her husband for spurious paintings. Yesterday she withdrew completely from the affair, owing to its astonishing turn, but the public prosecutor will continue it tomorrow.

The alleged count, as a backfire, has tried to turn the action into a trial of the duchess herself, by submitting passionate love letters which she claimed she wrote him, by putting out all sorts of vague allusions to improper doings, all of which is being read with complete details in every part of the world.

Interesting Romance.

Few romances have as interesting a story as that of the Kentucky country girl who early in life determined to be either a member of royalty or as near to it as she could get. Seventeen years ago on a farm in Lincoln county lived William P. Tate, a country merchant and farmer who had amassed a considerable fortune through strict attention to his own business. His only daughter was Lucy Tate, a girl of unusual beauty, intelligence and musical talent. She was above the average, and possessed of much musical talent. She tried the best professors that Kentucky afforded, and when her ambition to become a great musician, and from that on to higher things, considered from a worldly standpoint, became known to her father, he sent her to Boston to a conservatory of music.

denied his guilt. After his death the rumor spread that he had been allowed to escape, and that the story of his suicide had been concocted to cover his flight, but careful inquiry has shown that there is no basis for this belief.

Miss Deluzy was acquitted of any complicity in the murder, and went to New York, where she continued to teach. A letter from her dated March 18, 1868, gives the address as "Miss Desportes and Miss Haines, the Institution, Gramercy Park, Number 10." This letter is addressed to the advocate Victor Cousin, who defended her at the trial. She describes her life in America and how suspicious he had gathered around her. He wanted to marry her, and on account of his family she asked Victor Cousin to give her some proof of his honesty. He gave her a letter from his father, who had been acquitted of the murder, and she lived a happy married life for twenty-four years. She died on March 5, 1875, when her husband was still living. He had been married to her for twenty-four years, and she had given him all the proofs of her complete innocence that he could get together.

Collector Loeb Seeks Smuggled Stradivarius

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—That a Stradivarius violin, worth at least \$20,000, was smuggled into this country and is in the possession of the estate of Henry Havemeyer, who defended her at the trial, is the claim made by the customs authorities in a forfeiture suit. It is alleged that the violin was brought into the country in September, and was received by a Boston representative of Mr. Havemeyer, who was then president of the American Sugar Refining Company. Five years after the transaction, and three years after Mr. Havemeyer's death, Collector Loeb began the suit to recover the violin. The statute of limitation is pleaded in the answer put in by the Havemeyer counsel.

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Romantic Career of the Duchess de Choiseul

Born on farm in Central Kentucky. Goes to Boston to study music, where talent and beauty win her position in society.

Wooded and won by Charles Hamilton Paine, multimillionaire. Later takes up residence in Paris with her husband.

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Sensational suit against bogus count discloses marriage on November 28 to the Duke de Choiseul-Praslin.

In Boston her talents and wealth soon made her popular among the younger society element and she had the entree to the best homes in the city. During her stay there she met Charles Hamilton Paine, whose family was one of the first in the city, who was himself a multi-millionaire and a member of a leading brokerage firm. It seemed to be a case of love at first sight, and when Miss Tate came back to Kentucky Mr. Paine soon followed.

They were married in a brilliant social event, taking place at Stanford in the presence of people from all parts of Kentucky.

Happy in Boston.

The young couple went at once to Boston, where Mr. Paine had a partial home and where they soon became more prominent in society than ever. They were supremely happy. As time went on three little girls were born to them, and it seemed as if the gods had truly been good to them.

Mr. Paine invested in copper, and in a short time his fortune had practically doubled. They had taken several trips to Europe together and Mrs. Paine had become enamored of Paris and, in fact, all France. When Mr. Paine's investments in copper proved so advanced, Mrs. Paine besought him to give up his residence in America and go to Paris.

He declined to consider the idea, but "the woman had her way," and finally they left Boston and, purchasing a beautiful residence, moved to France.

Mr. Paine did not give up his interests in Boston, but they made frequent trips to America, and the social affairs in this country. Early in 1909 Mr. Paine died suddenly. He was in Paris at the time, and his only brother, who was a restaurant for lunch, while waiting for their order, the brother was called to the telephone. He suffered a stroke of apoplexy and when his brother re-

Seek Blazed-Face Horse And Sawed-Off Wagon

"Lookout for a blazed-face horse attached to a sawed-off milk wagon." This message was sent from headquarters to all the police precincts in the District today, and as "sawed-off" milk wagons drawn by "blazed-face" horses are a common sight in Washington, the bluecoat who comes across the rather unusual outfit will not experience difficulty in identifying the vehicle. The horse belongs to Buzz Wells, of 1630 Tenth street northwest, and were lent to a colored man to haul a load of lumber yesterday. The negro failed to return.

Noted Harvard Tutor, Dr. A. S. Hill, Dead

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Dr. Adams Sherman Hill is dead, the age of seventy-seven years. He was a professor emeritus of rhetoric and oratory at Harvard University, and wrote many books on rhetoric.

After graduation from the Harvard law school in 1885, Dr. Hill was a law reporter and correspondent in Washington. He was later connected with the Harvard law school, and became assistant professor of rhetoric in 1910.

DEATHS

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ABANDONS CASE TO AVOID SCANDAL

As Wife of Charles Hamilton Paine She Goes to Paris to Live.

turned he found him lying across the table dead.

The cable that day carried a message which struck to the heart of a loving wife in far-away Paris. She was ill; for some time but finally recovered, when it became absolutely necessary for her to look after some of the affairs which her husband had been conducting.

Paintings Discovered Frauds.

Shortly before his death Mr. Paine had bought a number of supposedly rare paintings from a man who styled himself Count d'Aubry de Gatigny. Mr. Paine had paid a portion of the sum claimed for them by the count, and after his death Mrs. Paine was shown by her friends that the paintings were not genuine, but clever copies of masterpieces. Here it might be mentioned that the Countess de Gatigny was formerly Miss Francesca Monti, Count of Boston, having married the Duke de Gatigny in 1894. By way of parenthesis, it may be mentioned that the "count" had been shown to be not a count at all, but the son of an itinerant London musician.

Finally the "count" brought suit against Mrs. Paine for the balance due on the pictures. The matter dragged along for several months, in fact, until two weeks ago, when it became necessary, because of the approaching trial for Mrs. Paine to sign some papers connected with the case. These she signed "Lucy, Duchess de Choiseul-Praslin."

Only then did it become known that she had been married to the Duke de Choiseul-Praslin on November 28.

It was about this time that the Gatignys wrote some letters to the duchess and her husband thought them curious, and she showed them, not only for that, but for the amount that her former husband, Mr. Paine, had paid for the pictures, "count" for the almost worthless pictures. This is the suit that is on trial at Tours.

Down here in Kentucky, where people remember better than they do in more populous communities, and where friendship is a thing, and where friendship is being taken in "Little Lucy Tate," as she is called by those who knew her well, and the published stories concerning her are eagerly snapped up.

In the main parlor of the Chateau de Choiseul-Praslin hangs a great painting which extends from the ceiling entirely to the floor. This painting depicts their dead father, Charles Hamilton Paine.

Southern Educators Meet at Chattanooga

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 25.—A most important meeting of the educational interests of the South, the twenty-second annual session of the Southern Educational Association, convenes in this city tomorrow morning, continuing through Thursday.

The meeting will be participated in by many of the leading spirits in every branch of educational work in the South, from Maryland to Texas and from Missouri to Florida.

Dr. D. B. Johnson, president of Winthrop College, will preside over the general sessions. Among the noted speakers to be heard are Mayor Saylor of New York, United States Senator Owen, of Oklahoma; W. K. Tate, of the University of South Carolina; President Henry S. Pritchett, of the Carnegie Foundation; P. P. Claxton, of the University of Tennessee; Dean Russell, of the University of Wisconsin; President Barrett, of the Farmers' National Union; John C. Campbell, of the Russell Sage Foundation; Mrs. Newell Knowles, of the Iowa State Normal School; and Dr. C. W. Stiles, secretary of the Rockefeller "hookworm" commission.

Bury Newsboy's Victim.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 25.—The funeral of James Costas, the waiter who was killed by John Bennett, the 18-year-old newsboy, whose steak was not cooked properly, will be held today. After the shooting the waiter, Bennett, apologized to the other diners in the restaurant and was released. He was captured by the police a short distance away.

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CHILD OCCUPATION SHOWN IN EXHIBIT

National Child Labor Committee Places Photos on View Here.

The National Child Labor Committee opened at 1328 G street northwest this morning an exhibition of photographs of children engaged in various occupations. The exhibition, which is being held under the direction of Miss Elizabeth McMurtrie Dinwiddie, of New York, is for the purpose of interesting and educating the public in the conditions under which children are employed in the United States. Miss Dinwiddie will maintain the display here until Saturday, when she will go to the University of Virginia.

Miss Dinwiddie, in speaking of the pictures shown, laid stress upon the conditions under which children perform agricultural labor. She said that the supposition that the children engaged in that kind of work live in beautiful circumstances is false, for many of them work on contract do tasks far too onerous for them. Picking cranberries and strawberries is specified as one of the labor that cripple American youth.

Besides the photographs there are legends upon the walls of the building at 1328 G street to invite the attention of the visitor. The manufacture of artificial violets and of willow plumes is shown to be very disastrous to many innocents of tender age who are poorly paid. Appeals for sympathy are made by the display of cotton fabrics manufactured by children, and by statistics showing the illiteracy of children in the United States, and the absence of proper laws to regulate their education and employment.

Miss Dinwiddie said today that she would probably take the exhibition to other parts of the country. At present she plans to show the pictures at the University of Virginia, and in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Rhode Island.

Dr. A. J. McKelvey, in the Bond Building, is the secretary of the national child labor committee for the Southern States.

Just a little after 10 o'clock this morning, President Taft walked over to the Executive offices from the White House and gave his staff of clerks a distinct shock. He pulled his chair up to his desk and went to work.

When the clerks managed to recover from the blow, they responded automatically to the signal and themselves pulled their chairs up to their desks and went to work.

Officially, this is Christmas in Washington. All the departments are taking a holiday. Only a watchman here and there and an occasional clerk disturb the quiet of the big Government buildings.

The White House staff of clerks came down reluctantly this morning hoping that "the big boss" would be prevailed upon to stay at the White House. They intended to "beat it" along about 11 o'clock if no signs of activity came from the Executive private office.

But signs came. The President decided that this was the day he would be disturbed by few, if any, visitors, and that he could go through a vast amount of mail now accumulated on his desk. Excusing himself, therefore, he left the breakfast table and hurried over to his office. The clerks scrambled for their desks and made a brave show of business.

Visitors came slowly. Secretary of the Navy Meyer, who returned yesterday from North Carolina, looked in to wish the President much happiness. He stayed for probably an hour, and talked over business matters in a general way. A few minutes later Secretary Nagel called.

Other visitors there were none. The President left the Executive offices shortly after 12 o'clock. After lunch he went driving in the open air until nearly time for dinner. There will be no Cabinet meeting tomorrow. The remainder of the week will be devoted to rest, as far as it is possible. Some business will be transacted, but none that can be postponed until after New Year.

DYNAMITE BATTLE LOS ANGELES POLICE

Iron Works Officials Blame Union Labor for Explosion.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—With the officials of the Llewellyn Iron Works freely charging that union labor is responsible for the wrecking of their building yesterday, and union officials indignantly denying this, the police today continued their search for the guilty person or persons.

They admitted, however, that they were absolutely without a clew to the perpetrators.

"While there is no doubt in my mind," said Secretary John Llewellyn, of the company today, "that they tried to blow up our plant on account of our refusing union labor, I do not think the Los Angeles metal workers who went out on strike last June have anything to do with it. I believe it is the work of men who do not belong here, but who, for their own evil ends, are willing to commit any crime."

The bomb wrecked the front of the building and demolished the office furniture, but did not damage the company's valuable machinery. A hole six feet across was torn in the ground, which leaves no doubt that dynamite was used.

British Liner Crippled On Start for Argentina

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A break in the machinery of the British steamship Scottish Prince has been discovered since the vessel put back into port after the injury of one of its firemen, Thomas Anderson.

The British Prince, bound for Argentina, was eight miles off Ambrose Channel Lightship when Anderson was injured internally.

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WEDDING RECEPTIONS FINE CATERING

PRESIDENT WORKS DESPITE HOLIDAY

Surprises Executive Office Clerks by Appearing at Desk.

Just a little after 10 o'clock this morning, President Taft walked over to the Executive offices from the White House and gave his staff of clerks a distinct shock. He pulled his chair up to his desk and went to work.

When the clerks managed to recover from the blow, they responded automatically to the signal and themselves pulled their chairs up to their desks and went to work.

Officially, this is Christmas in Washington. All the departments are taking a holiday. Only a watchman here and there and an occasional clerk disturb the quiet of the big Government buildings.

The White House staff of clerks came down reluctantly this morning hoping that "the big boss" would be prevailed upon to stay at the White House. They intended to "beat it" along about 11 o'clock if no signs of activity came from the Executive private office.

But signs came. The President decided that this was the day he would be disturbed by few, if any, visitors, and that he could go through a vast amount of mail now accumulated on his desk. Excusing himself, therefore, he left the breakfast table and hurried over to his office. The clerks scrambled for their desks and made a brave show of business.

Visitors came slowly. Secretary of the Navy Meyer, who returned yesterday from North Carolina, looked in to wish the President much happiness. He stayed for probably an hour, and talked over business matters in a general way. A few minutes later Secretary Nagel called.

Other visitors there were none. The President left the Executive offices shortly after 12 o'clock. After lunch he went driving in the open air until nearly time for dinner. There will be no Cabinet meeting tomorrow. The remainder of the week will be devoted to rest, as far as it is possible. Some business will be transacted, but none that can be postponed until after New Year.

Posse Hunts Negro Who Killed Deputy

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 25.—Enraged because John Laird, a negro, shot and killed D. O. Battle, deputy sheriff at Adger, a mining camp near here, a posse is searching for the murderer. The posse was organized by the sheriff and is now hunting for Laird, who is wanted for his part in the killing of his brother.

University Prohibits Equal Suffrage Play

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Just because the faculty of Boston University decided not to permit the Equal Suffrage League to produce a play, the students of the members of the organization said today that they would take steps to test the legality of the faculty's action. President Huntford announced that it is not because he opposes the league, or the spirit of the league, that he will not permit the play. He refuses to say what his reasons are.